

Rock Island Township

2827 - 7th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. 61201

Town Board Minutes

October 27th, 2014

4:45 p.m.

I. In attendance: Roll Call: Supervisor Alan Carmen, Clerk Joan Clark, Trustees Heather Gray, Rita Kirk, James H. Kerr Sr. and Vince Thomas. Others in attendance; Rock Island Township Assessor Brenda Carmen, Township staff Doris Quigley. James Wieland (Telecom Pioneers “Shoes for Kids” Request) Vern McCullough, and Shellie Moore Guy (Youth Baseball representatives). The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carmen at 4:45 p.m. The following township business was transacted:

Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of the Minutes from the September 22, 2014 Board Meeting: (Attachment A) Motion made by Trustee Gray to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Motion passed.

III. Assessor’s Report: Assessor Carmen reported we have 36 cases to go before the Board of Review. Trustee Kirk stated the assessments on properties in the Douglas Park Area are getting so low it will be difficult to get a loan or sell the homes in the future.

IV. Review and Approval – claims paid in Township funds: August – September 2014. (Attachment B) Motion made by Trustee Thomas. Seconded by Trustee Kirk. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

V. Supervisor’s Report

A) The board reviewed a request for funding from the Telecom Pioneers for “Shoes for Kids” program (Attachment C). James Wieland presented the request. Motion to grant the request in the amount of \$1,000.00 made by Trustee Kerr. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

B) Baseball Team Sponsorship (Attachment D): The board heard a presentation about Youth Baseball at Douglas Park by Vern McCullough and Shellie Guy. A group is in the process of organizing a team. The board encouraged the plan and will look at a funding request when a proposal is developed.

C) 1st Reading-2014 Property Tax Levy (Attachment E): Supervisor Carmen reviewed the proposed Levy with the board. The amount proposed is \$546,075.00 a decrease of -4% relative to the collected revenues of and -5% compared to the last levy.

D) Meeting Time Change (Attachment F) The board reviewed the Resolution to change the time of the Town Board Meeting from 4:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Motion to adopt the Resolution modifying the Town Board meeting time made by Trustee Kerr. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

E) IMRF Authorized Agent Resolution (Attachment G) Motion to adopt the Resolution to Appointment the Township Supervisor as the IMRF Authorized Agent made by Trustee Kirk. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Roll Call: Trustee Thomas, Yes; Trustee Gray, Yes; Trustee Kerr, Yes; Trustee Kirk, Yes; Supervisor Carmen, Yes. Motion Passed.

F) Items of Interest:

| Item | Update |
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| Holiday Dinner / Christmas Party | Trustee Kerr will ask 2 nd Baptist singers to perform. |
| Emergency Food & Shelter grant | Clerk reported the funding is in. Only have until October 31 to get the funds out. Hoping for an extension. |
| Renovation | Roof is completed. Projects going well and on schedule. |
| TOI Conference | Reservations made for all who will attend from the township. |
| AFR/Treasurers Report | Completed and filed with the County Clerk. |
| Opportunities for Quad Citians– anti-poverty program | Supervisor Carmen said a program is set for November 12 th and that he and Trustee Thomas are registered. |

Trustee Kirk asked if funds distributed by RICAP have been used. Supervisor Carmen stated the check was sent to them, but none have been spent as yet.

G) Sacred Heart Food Pantry/St Joseph Evening Meal: A total of 1,836 people were provided with food and/or a hot meal from September 1st – September 30th. Sacred Heart Food Pantry 1,180 and St. Joseph Evening Meal 950.

H) General Assistance Activity – September 2014

- a) Number of Active Clients – 48
- b) Number of Intakes – 7
- c) Number Terminated/Denied/Left Program – 17

VI. New Business:

- a) Trustee Kerr announced Thurgood Marshall will host a fundraiser Chili Supper on Wednesday evening, October 29th.
- b) Trustee Kerr announced there would be a Welcome Home Veteran's Day Dance on November 7, 2014.

VII. Public Comments: Trustees, Assessor, Supervisor, Public

The Clerk passed around a copy of the South Rock Island Township newsletter which she had received in the newspaper. She commented that this is a problem brought up in the past. The Argus distributes the newsletter to all or some of the people who receive the newspaper. This causes confusion about programs that are not offered at our township. Supervisor Carmen stated the Argus will have a mailing list that covers our township.

VIII. Adjournment:

Trustee Kerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gray. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted

Joan Clark, Town Clerk

Rock Island Township Mission Statement

To professionally, courteously, equitably and efficiently administer General Assistance, property assessment and other programs and to properly maintain the Township Hall and property for the benefit of Township residents and the building's tenants.